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## BROTHERS ACCUSED IN BRUTAL REVENGE STABBING

TWO Basingstoke brothers are accused of stabbing a man in the face in a bid to find out why their sister died of a drug overdose, Winchester Crown Court heard yesterday.

Gary Collins, 34, of Worting Road and Raymond Collins, 33, of Penny Black Lane, deny charges of wounding with intent and possession of an offensive weapon, alongside Samantha Lee, 28, of Winklebury Centre.

In the witness stand yesterday, Raymond Collins admitted punching victim Jason Webb at his Pentland Close home on February 11 - but claimed he left when the attack got out of control.

He said: "I left straight away, I didn't want to be a part of it." The sofa delivery man told court he and his brother went to Jason Webb's house with Samantha Lee to find out if he was involved in his sister's heroin overdose two days earlier.

Their 39-year-old sister Sally

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Wheeler died on February 9.

The trio visited the house with two other friends after a binge drinking session.

The court heard the brothers wanted to find out if Mr Webb knew anything about the death.

Prosecutor David Reid told the jury Mr Webb, 50, was slashed with knives, stabbed in the face, and attacked with a mirror and a lamp by all three defendants.

He said the attack left blood on the walls.

The victim was left with cheek wounds, cuts on his head, hands, and was stamped on in the brutal attack.

Mr Reid told the jury Gary and Raymond Collins previously attacked a man in Basingstoke's Top of the Town in April last year and stamped on his head.

When Mr Reid asked Raymond Collins if stamping on someone was "out of order", he replied, "I don't know."

Both brothers have only admitted punching Mr Webb three times between them and blame the attack on the two friends who led them to the house.

Charges against the two other men were dropped.

Raymond Collins said he kept quiet about the incident because he was "scared and confused" after his sister's death.

Defending, Robert Grey told the court Raymond had successfully completed an alcohol treatment programme since the incident last April and did not have a propensity to commit the act of violence.

Judge Linda Sullivan QC is expected to give a summary today of what was heard in the week-long trial today before the jury is sent out to deliberate their verdicts.

The trial continues.

## Roman secrets unveiled

**HISTORY** fans learnt about archaeology at the Silchester Roman town last weekend. Children had a chance to learn about how to uncover ancient items in their own dig. Meanwhile, adults watched experts carrying out their work. Archaeologists themselves, including Jesse Coxey (above), dressed up to entertain the 1,400-strong crowds. For full story see page eight.



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# Families trapped in debt trouble

OVER 2,500 families in Basingstoke are trapped in bad debt, research has revealed.

A study released on Tuesday by StepChange Debt Charity and The Children's Society shows the 2,529 Basingstoke families in problem debt owe over £11m between them.

A family with problem debt is one which has fallen behind on repayment of bills or credit cards - families in debt who are keeping up with repayments are not included.

The statistics came from government department The Insolvency Service.

Chief executive of The Children's Society, Matthew Reed, said: "With little savings to fall back on, it can take just one unexpected setback - like illness or being made redundant - to tip a family over the edge and into a debt trap that can feel impossible to escape from."

"This research exposes the shocking reality of parents lying awake at night worrying

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and unhappy children going without.

"Many families are feeling the squeeze and parents struggling on low wages are battling just to pay the bills."

The research reveals as a result 4,575 children are affected by family debt as a result.

Chief executive of StepChange Debt Charity, Mike O'Connor, said: "As parents become trapped in a toxic cycle of debt, children can become the unwitting victims."

"This is not acceptable in a society that aspires to justice."

"We need concerted action to ensure financially vulnerable families are given 'breathing space' to help them get back on their feet."

The study comes as housing charity Shelter publish their own study today revealing 669 house-



holds in Basingstoke are at risk of losing their homes.

Within the last year 669 possession claims were made by mortgage holders and landlords - the first stage of a process which can lead to people losing their homes.

Their study was also based on government figures.

Chief executive of Shelter, Campbell Robb, said: "Each

one of these will have had their lives turned upside down by this experience, as they faced seeing their home, the foundation of their life, ripped away from underneath them."

"Tragically we are seeing more people coming to us for help struggling to make ends meet and one change of circumstances has pushed them spiralling towards homelessness."

## Black Dam roundabout works start next month

A START date of September has been set for the Black Dam roundabout improvement works in Basingstoke.

The £11.2million project to increase the capacity of the roundabout is to be finished by March 2015.

Plans are to improve the M3 junction six, which experiences congestion and results in traffic queuing on motorway exit slip-roads during rush hours.

The Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hampshire

County Council and Highways Agency project will create four lanes of northbound traffic, which will be directed through the centre of the roundabout to reduce congestion - nicknamed a hamburger roundabout.

The works aim to reduce journey times for drivers, improve safety - because tailbacks are thought to have caused multiple accidents in the past - and boost the economy to help Basingstoke cope with its growing population.

## Explosion shuts town shops

AN ELECTRICAL explosion in Basingstoke town centre shut shops in the road on Monday morning.

Church Street shops lost power all day as a result of the blow-out.

Duncan Stone, owner of Area 51 - a tattoo and piercing studio on the street, said: "It looks like a bomb has hit the street."

He said the shop had to shut for the day at a £600 loss.

Mr Stone added: "There was a loud bang and then the power

went out, it was a real pain."

"I am going to try and claim back lost earnings, I had customers who were meant to be getting tattoos done, now they may have to wait up to three months unless we can reschedule them - we are fully booked at the moment."

A Southern Electric emergency power team arrived at the scene at 9am.

Crews were still working on the cables under the ground at 9pm before the cables were up and running.



• Southern Electric workers at Church Street

## News Bites

### Teenager freed

SHERBORNE ST JOHN: A team of 16 fire fighters took over one and a half hours to free a teenager trapped after a car crash on Tuesday night.

Three fire engines and a special equipment unit from Basingstoke Fire Station in West Ham Close were called to the scene in Wyne Road at 9.37pm.

A car had crashed with a tree on the country road.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue spokesman Debbie Beaton confirmed fire fighters managed to free the teenager and left the scene just after 11pm.

South Central Ambulance Service spokesman Catherine Morrow said paramedics took one person to North Hampshire Hospital and two people to Southampton General Hospital.

### Polling review

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Residents have until August 25 to have to have their say on where polling stations should be based ahead of next year's general elections.

Residents are being urged to suggest where they want to cast their votes to decide the country's next Prime Minister.

The Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council consultation, which launched last month, closes on August 25.

People can tell the council what needs to be done to improve how they get to their nearest polling station.

To take part in the consultation go to [basingstoke.gov.uk](http://basingstoke.gov.uk) or email [polling.review@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:polling.review@basingstoke.gov.uk)

### Speed warning

HART: Drivers have been speeding dangerously fast and gathering their cars in car parks to play loud music.

Police issued a warning yesterday that their cars could be crushed after an increase in antisocial driving in Fleet and surrounding towns.

David Lipscombe, community safety projects team leader for Safer North Hampshire, said, "We only have to look to other towns in Hart and across Hampshire to see examples of young drivers seriously injuring or killing themselves, other road users and pedestrians. It only takes one mistake to change somebody's life forever."

PC Noel Griffiths, of Hampshire Constabulary, said: "Vehicle-related nuisance is distressing to residents in Fleet and across the Hart district."

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# Odiham Chinooks to help situation in Iraq



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## Public consultation to be held on major road revamp

HAMPSHIRE County Council is planning to make improvements to the A340 Aldermaston Road that links Basingstoke with Tadley and is asking people to give their views.

In order to reduce traffic, particularly in the area of Rooksdown - which has seen a recent increase in housing - the county council wants to spend an estimated £4million on a revamp.

The scheme is broken up into three phases with the first phase seeing a 20mph speed limit zone and speed control measures being employed in Rooksdown.

Phase two would see traffic light controls at the Lodge Junction on the A340 and to increase capacity at the existing junction of Priestley

Road and Merton Rise with A340. Dualling would also be extended on the A340 to The Lodge Junction and the Priestley Road and Park Prewett Road junction would be closed.

The third and final phase - to be carried out between 2015 and 2017 - would see that hospital traffic arriving or leaving Rooksdown would stop and bus only access would be allowed to and from the hospital via Rooksdown.

Pedestrians would also be allowed to move freely between the hospital and Rooksdown.

A public consultation will be held until September 26

and if the scheme is approved, work could begin in 2015.

An online survey form for feedback can be found at [hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index](http://hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index).

**CHINOOK helicopters from RAF Odiham have been moved to Cyprus on standby to help refugees in Iraq, Downing Street announced yesterday.**

As part of a rescue mission to save tens of thousands of refugees trapped in mountains in northern Iraq by the extremist Islamic State forces, a number of helicopters were relocated to Cyprus yesterday.

They will be able to reach the area quickly if needed to deliver aid as a result.

The announcement was made by Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond in an acceleration of British aid.

The international development secretary, Justine Greening, said: "Thousands of Iraqi people remain cut off away from their homes, we are focussed on getting help to those in need, particularly those trapped on Mount Sinjar."

Planes from RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire were also involved in the humanitarian mission recently - dropping aid to refugees last Friday, Monday and Tuesday.

The aid included thousands of containers filled with water and shelter kits.

It was also announced on August

8 that a total of £8million is to be used in assistance for those displaced in Iraq - bringing the total of the aid to £13m.

The Islamic State is a Jihadist group which claims religious authority over Muslims.

Since early August, the group has occupied the north of Iraq resulting in the displacement of tens of thousands of people.

Most have fled because they feared they would be killed if they did not obey the Islamic State's harsh interpretation of Islam.

The Yazidi minority - a religious sect - fled from militants into the mountains of northern Iraq and have been warned they will be killed if they descend the mountains.

The United States recently launched air strikes in the area.

Justine Greening, international development secretary at the Ministry of Defence, said: "As thousands of Iraqi people remain cut off away from their homes, we are focussed on getting help to those in need."

### News Bites

#### Football club

**BASINGSTOKE:** A summer holiday football club for children is taking place every weekday until September 2 at Powerleague Stadium in Basingstoke.

The club offers children aged five to 12 the chance to take part in training games run by FA qualified coaches and win prizes.

It costs £10 a day to attend from 9am to 4pm.

#### Police attacks

**BUCKSKIN:** A man charged with assaulting two female police officers in Basingstoke is set to appear at Winchester Crown Court tomorrow.

Kyle Butler, 20, of Haydn Road was charged with two counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm after two police officers were called to an incident at a house on Fylingdales Close on August 3.

Both officers received medical treatment for their injuries.

#### Animal welfare

**BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE:** A guide has been produced by the borough council, the police, the RSPCA and other local councils to inform people about animal welfare.

The guide provides information on who to contact when it comes to animal issues.

The cabinet member for community services and the environment, Hayley Eachus, said: "This guide provides information and advice as well as the right point of contact for people on a variety of animal related issues."

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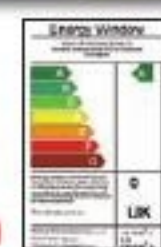
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## New project of 30 homes could be first in Hampshire

PLANS to build up to 30 new homes and community facilities in Penwood near Highclere have been revealed.

Highclere Parish Council submitted its proposals to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council last Monday asking for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the project.

If the scheme goes ahead it would be the first Community Right to Build project in Hampshire.

It includes plans for 15 to 30 new homes, half of which would be affordable.

They would be two, three and four bed detached and terraced houses.

A police drop-in base and community centre are also included in the plans.

The EIA - used to predict the environmental consequences of the project - would indicate whether it is likely for the project to be allowed to go ahead.

The plans were put forward under the government's Community Right to Build scheme which came into law in 2012.

The new powers give communities the freedom to build new homes, shops, businesses or facilities without going through the normal planning process.

However if an EIA were needed, the parish council would have to submit a conventional planning application.

A referendum of local people must agree with the plans.

# Town blossoms in gardening contest

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THE town's best green-fingered gardeners have been unveiled as the winners of Basingstoke in Bloom.

After months of planting, mowing, weeding, and cutting, the judges have made their minds up.

Among the seven winners were St Mary's Junior School in Old Basing who topped the schools category.

Ex-civil servant and keen gardener Jeff Owen, from Old Basing, helped judge the entries.

The 62-year-old said: "It was really good to see the schools try."

"They are actually all very knowledgeable about the plants and all the entries were well presented."

"At first when I quizzed the children on the flowers they were a bit shy, but after a while they opened up and they actually knew an awful lot."

Four Lanes Infant School in Hanmore Road, Chineham, scooped second prize and Winklebury Junior School in Willoughby Way claimed third.

The competition winners will be presented with awards at a Basingstoke in Bloom ceremony



• Pupils from St Mary's Junior School in Old Basing with their winning entry

on October 30.

They will get gardening vouchers from Sherfield on Loddon Garden Centre awarded at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council offices in London Road.

The annual competition was taken on by volunteers in 2012 after the contest was axed by the council in 2011.

Basingstoke in Bloom chair-

man Tanya Ball also won the hanging basket and medium/large garden categories with husband Brian for their Windermere Avenue home.

Mrs Ball said: "It is great to encourage people to do something outdoors and be productive with nature."

"Although we had fewer entries this year, it was hugely made up by the quality of the entries."

"We are encouraging people to get involved in gardening."

There were 58 entries over seven different categories.

Committee member Doreen Kimbrey added: "The entries this year were fantastic."

"It is always nice to see impressive gardens."

"It encourages people to improve Basingstoke through their front gardens."

## News Bites

### In it to win it

ST. MICHAEL'S Hospice has announced the winners from its latest lottery draw from August 8.

First prize of £1,000 goes to 48044 of Hartley Wintney, while the second prize of £100 goes to 57171 of Oakley.

Third prize of £50 goes to 87452 in Hartley Wintney and Oakley ticket 00985 in fourth place gets £20.

16 prizes of £5 go to 07809, 11916, 12233, 17534, 19889, 29302, 32418, 35659, 39050, 45595, 47408, 56512, 56880, 67519, 76220, 85433.

### Hospital theft

A MEMBER of hospital staff had over £2,000 withdrawn from her bank account after a thief stole her purse at Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

Police released a CCTV image on Friday (below) of a woman they want to speak to in connection to the crime in January at the Aldermaston Road hospital.

Cards from the purse were used to take out sums of cash from the woman's account.

Police Constable Karen Walsh, from Basingstoke Police Station, urged anyone with information to contact her via the police 101 number.



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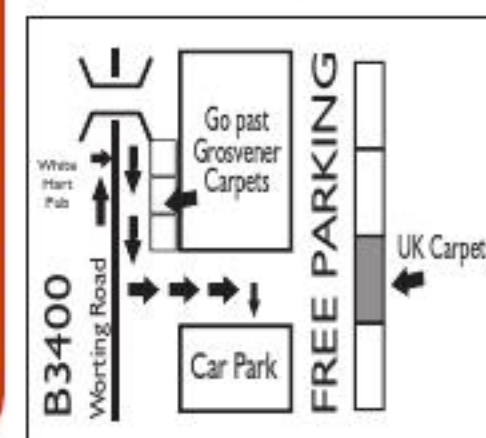


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## The men behind the names

A BASINGSTOKE man is undertaking the mammoth task of finding out the details of all the First World War servicemen from Basingstoke.

David Stewart, 47, took on the project after seeing the London Road War Memorial.

For over two years Mr Stewart has been searching for details about the servicemen listed on the memorial.

He has so far documented 277 out of the 233.

Mr Stewart, from Beaconsfield Road, said: "I have a big interest in the military and I was really attracted to the memorial."

"I decided I'd like to find out about the people listed on it."

"I visited the council offices to ask them if they had the details about the servicemen and they didn't so I decided to do it myself."

"It is a huge jigsaw puzzle."

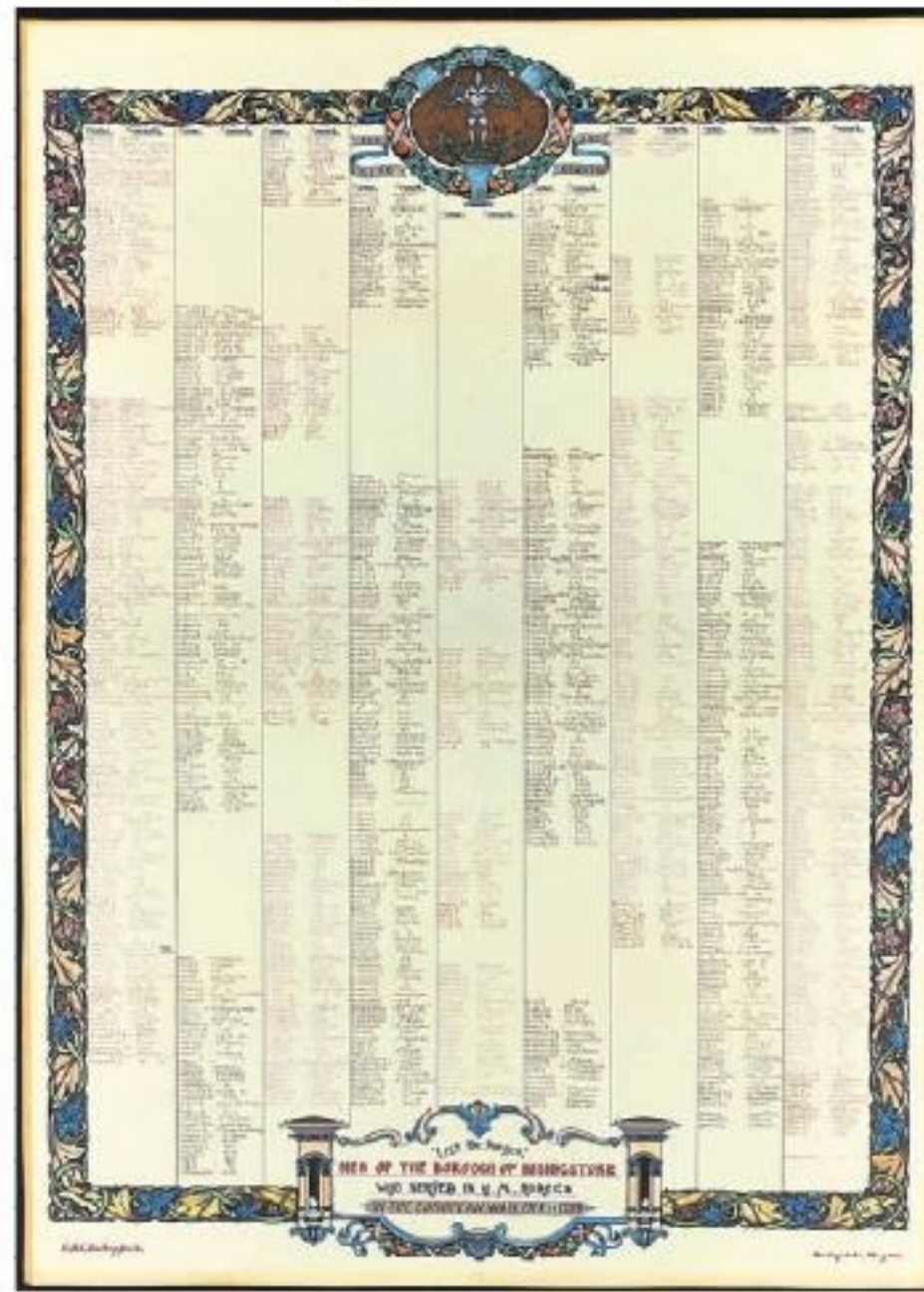
From using ancestry websites, Mr Stewart has managed to find details on the soldiers and has written up summaries about their family, where they were born and the regiment they served in.

He also got in contact with descendants for more information - some of who did not even know they had ancestors in the Great War.

Mr Stewart's ultimate goal is to find out the details of all 1,200 local men listed on the Basingstoke Roll of Honour.

"It's a passion as well as an obsession, and possibly the biggest task I have ever undertaken," Mr Stewart added. "But nothing worth doing is easy."

# Basingstoke remembers WWI sacrifices



### • The Roll of Honour

AN ELECTRONIC copy of the original Basingstoke Roll of Honour is now on display at the Willis Museum in Basingstoke.

It is the original document with the names of everyone from the Basingstoke and Deane who served in the First World War.

Over 1,200 local service men are listed.

Jenny Stevens, the curator of the Top of Town museum, said: "This is a fundamental part of Basingstoke history."

"Basingstoke's involvement in the Great War was huge. I urge people to come and see this very important document."

The document is on show at the Hampshire Record Office, in Sussex Street, Winchester.

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A digital copy was made by the Willis Museum to be displayed until late September.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council had kept the original document on show in their London Road offices but had to remove it after fears were raised that it would fade.

It was presented to the council in June, 1916, by Miss Alice Fisher of Cliddesden Road, according to local historian, David Stewart.

Mr Ernest Henry George Bolley, of Winchester Road, Basingstoke, initially inscribed 1,036 names onto the roll and was later appointed by the mayor to add other names of men who joined the war after it ended in 1918.

Heather Needham, an archivist who works at the Hampshire Record Office said: "This digital copy is a very good photograph. People are welcome to visit the record office to see the original copy which will be preserved for hundreds of years."

Mayor of Basingstoke Roger Gardiner said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for as many people as possible to gain access to the Roll of Honour and view the names of those brave servicemen who fought in the First World War."

"As it says on the document, 'Lest We Forget' and this is a chance for people of all ages to remember the service and sacrifice made by local people during the war."

The Willis Museum is open from Tuesdays to Saturdays.

## 'We will remember them'

FOLLOWING a successful and packed service at St Michael's Church last week marking the day 100 years ago that Britain entered the First World War, Basingstoke efforts to remember its soldiers' sacrifices has not faltered.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council published a leaflet last week of pictures of each of the borough's war memorials alongside all the names inscribed on them.

The First World War centenary booklet was produced by the borough council by working with parish and town councils across the borough and will help descendants research their ancestors.

The relatives of one Basingstoke descendant, 73-year-old

Mick Smith, is among those remembered in the booklet.

Mr Smith - who read at the commemoration service at St Michael's Church - has been undergoing research to find out more about his relatives.

The Knight Street resident lost both of his grandfathers and his two great uncles - who were killed on the same day in Gallipoli - in the First World War.

"I don't know much about them as my grandmother rarely spoke about the Great War but I am trying to find out more," he said.

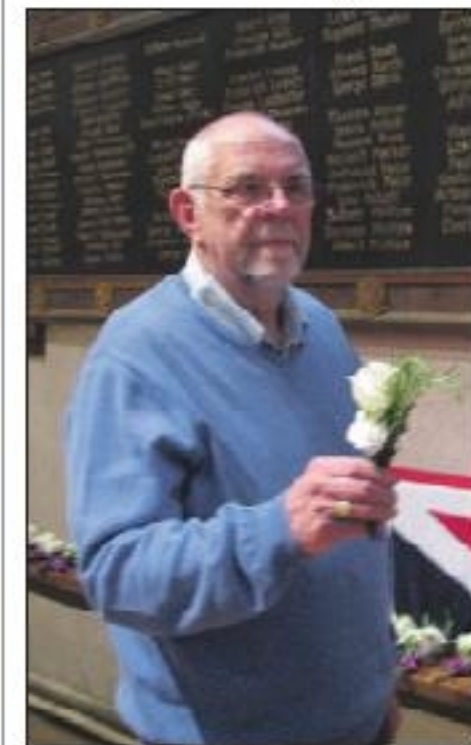
From finding out the names of his ancestors, with the help of a historian, Mr Smith is trying to find out key details about the lives of his relatives from when they were in the war.

The booklet can be downloaded online and is broken down into sections with servicemen listed under each area in the borough.

The council is also commemorating the fallen through a reception for descendants which will be held by the mayor at Milestones Museum at the West Ham Leisure Park on Worting Road in October.

Descendants are urged to get in touch with the council so they can be invited to the reception.

The council is also looking for sponsorship to plant a "peace garden" in War Memorial Park which would be opened in November 2018 to coincide with the centenary of the end of the First World War.



• Mick Smith paying tribute to his lost relatives last week

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## News Bites

## Domestic abuse

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Volunteers accompanied Hampshire Police to incidents of domestic abuse during the 2014 World Cup 93 times.

During the four-week period from June 14 to July 13, domestic abuse charity Aurora New Dawn had 93 referrals, treble the number of incidents compared to the same period last year.

The charity ran a 24-hour support line and helped three victims leave their abusive partner immediately.

## Cllrs surgery

TADLEY: The next councillors' surgery for residents in Tadley is to be held on September 6.

The Tadley Town Council session will run from 10am until Midday at the entrance to the town's Sainsbury's in Mulfords Hill.

Councillors Tony Flahive and Nigel Quelch will be on hand for residents to discuss issues in the town.

## Nursery praised

HOOK: Ofsted has described the Sunshine Daisy Nursery in Hook as "outstanding" in a recent report.

The nursery, at Priory Farmhouse in Andwell, was visited by inspectors on July 9.

It received the highest 'outstanding' grade in all aspects of the review, meaning the provision of education to the children is "highly effective".

Children at the nursery were described in the report as "confident, inquisitive" and able to "demonstrate self-reliance".

# Residents say where to build 4,000 homes

**RESIDENTS** in Hook and Odiham can have their say on where they want to see new homes built from today.

A consultation on Hart District Council's Local Plan launched today setting out five options for growth.

Hart - which includes areas east of Basingstoke such as Mattingley, Rotherwick, Hook, Odiham, North Warnborough, South Warnborough and Long Sutton - needs to build about 4,000 homes by 2032.

The options are for a new town to be built, growth in existing towns and villages, development around the edges of the main towns and villages, building focused on one or two of the main towns, or growth away from the environmentally protected regions of the district - which covers north and east Hart.

Hart District Council's cabinet member for planning, Stephen Parker, said: "This is an important milestone in the preparation of our new local plan for Hart."

"It is the opportunity for the people of Hart to help shape the development of our district for the future decades."

"We know we will need to build homes for Hart people to live in but we have to decide how we will accommodate them."

The consultation on the plan runs until 5pm on October 10.

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Some of the options would have to be combined with others because they cannot deliver all 4,000 homes needed.

Drop-in sessions on the plans are being held across the district from September 9 to September 30.

Out of the five options for growth, Hook could be included in four and Odiham could be included in three of the options.

Hook is listed as one of the settlements for growth in this particular option.

The chosen growth strategy is to be put together in January and February 2015 and a draft plan consultation is to be launched over summer or autumn of 2015.

The plan is earmarked for adoption in summer 2016.

The drop-in session in Hook is on September 9 from 10.30am to 7.30pm at Elizabeth Hall on Raven Road, and in Odiham on September 10 from 10.30am to 7.00pm at the Cross Barn, Palace Gate Farm.

Council officers will be on hand to discuss the local plan.

The options are available at [hart.gov.uk/local-plan](http://hart.gov.uk/local-plan).

## Over 1,000 visit ancient archaeology site



**A RECORD** turnout flocked to see an archaeological dig in action at Silchester's Roman town last Saturday.

The annual open day saw 1,407 people visit the Iron Age settlement, which was founded in the late first century BC.

The department of archaeology at the University of Reading excavate part of the town for six weeks every summer.

They host the day for members of the public to see how ancient sites are excavated.

Amanda Clarke, an archaeologist and the director of Silchester field school, said: "It was a record turn out for us."

"We haven't had this many people in the 18 years we have been doing the open day."

"I think people were impressed and it was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the atmosphere and seeing what archaeologists do."

Tours, talks and workshops were led by expert archaeologists at the site - which lies on a low hill north of Basingstoke.

Children were entertained with activities including their own mini excavation and a chance to dress up in Roman costume.

The Roman town was built on the site of an Iron Age town, Calleva, and has some of the best-preserved Roman walls in the country.

The site was founded by the Atrebates - a Belgic tribe who existed before the Roman conquests, and the site was strangely abandoned in the sixth century.

• (Left) The excavation site and (above) archaeologists working on the dig (photos by University of Reading)



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## In memory of those fallen

**REMEMBRANCE** has been the watch word of last week.

I attended the Civic Service of Remembrance on August 4 at a packed St Michael's Church. Relatives of those who lost their lives in the Great War placed flowers in the chapel built to commemorate the fallen, it was a poignant and dignified service which really struck home the human tragedy of war.

Basingstoke's War Memorial has 229 names of servicemen killed in the Great War inscribed on it. South View Cemetery holds the war graves of 21 servicemen including John Liddell, who was a pilot and recipient of the Victoria Cross, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

Amidst the horror of war and conflict that we see in

so many places in our world, we came together to remember our fallen, alongside all those whose lives were forever changed 100 years ago.

We came together just as the town did in 1923 when War Memorial Park was opened, paid for by public subscription, and donated in memory of all those who were lost. The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Major-General J E B Seely said at the time of its opening: "It is indeed a splendid memorial, for I think no town of the size of Basingstoke has had so beautiful a park presented to it by the generosity of its citizens as a memorial for those who fell."

I think any act of remembrance is intensely personal and it is important for us to remember how the Great War touched so many lives in our town, and that we commit ourselves to remember in the hope we can build a better tomorrow.

A BASINGSTOKE mum ran more than a marathon on Sunday to mark the sacrifice of soldiers in the First World War.

Karen Riggs, 46, of Brighton Hill, took on 50km - while five colleagues from Basingstoke B&Q also ran the 50km in relay to total 100km.

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The effort was for the First World War centenary last week - Britain declared war against Germany on August 4, 1914.



• Karen Riggs, 46, after the 50k run

Miss Riggs said: "It was very wet - it rained for four hours straight but I managed to get through it."

"You never know what is going to happen in a run like that. It was the first time I had done that distance but I got a lot of support."

The 50km race, the Salisbury 5-4-3-2-1 Trail Marathon, is so-called because it includes five rivers, four hills, three country estates, two castles, and one cathedral.

The team from Basingstoke are raising money for the Royal British Legion and have so far raised £900.

Miss Riggs, who has friends in the forces and is a member of The Royal British Legion Riders Branch, wanted to race after visiting the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

She said: "As a mother of two grown up sons, it was quite distressing to see the memorial but it is what made me want to raise money."

"My partner is ex-navy too so it is something that is important to me."

Karen, who had a hip injury, could not run for 18 months and began training last November.

She added: "It takes a while to get back into the swing of things but I am glad to be running again."

## News Bites

### Break-ins rise

**BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE:** An increase in burglaries of sheds, outbuildings and cars in north Hampshire has sparked a police warning.

Officers are asking people to be vigilant and buy good quality padlocks.

They are also advising people to replace existing door screws with ones that cannot be unscrewed once they are fitted and to get insurance to cover outside buildings.

### 3D printing

**TOWN CENTRE:** A pop-up shop in Festival Place shopping centre will see 3D printers in action this week.

The printers - which work as computer controlled industrial robots to create solid objects - are regarded to be a revolutionary product changing the way industries work.

They will be up and running at Space Cube from 9am to 7pm this week, 9am to 6pm on Saturday and 11am to 5pm on Sunday.

### Voting changes

**BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE:** Residents are being sent a letter about the biggest change in the electoral registration system in nearly 100 years.

The "head of household" used to be responsible for registering in the house but, now electors must register themselves.

The letter from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council informs residents they have been automatically moved to the new voting register.

Everyone is to get a letter by August 15.

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## News Bites

## Kids water toys

BASINGSTOKE: Every Thursday until August 28 an inflatable obstacle course for children to use will be set up at the swimming pool in the sports centre at Festival Place.

The assault course will be available to use from 10.30am to 11.45am.

The cost of the inflatable course is included in the swimming ticket or membership.

## Blood donation

GROVE: Blood donation sessions are due to run at Viabes Community Centre on Friday, August 15.

People can attend one of two drop-in sessions at the centre in Harrow Way from 1.30pm to 3.25pm and from 4.30pm to 7pm.

## Mystery scams

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Bed and breakfasts across Hampshire are among those being used as part of a scam, police have warned.

Between March and August, over 20 reports have been made of a man booking a room for the night and informing the bed and breakfast owners he is expecting a parcel.

The man then arrives and checks in before collecting the package, and leaves without staying the night.

The parcel is thought to contain mobiles being used to set up contracts with the details of unknowing victims.

Reports were made in Hampshire, Dorset and Wiltshire.

Police are appealing for anyone with information to call 101.



• The seven-mile long woollen banner against nuclear weapons being unrolled by about 700 people between Aldermaston and Burghfield on Saturday

# 5,000 people worldwide in knitted scarf protest

**A SEVEN-MILE long pink scarf was unfurled between the Atomic Weapons Establishments at Aldermaston and Burghfield in protest against nuclear weapons on Saturday.**

More than 5,000 people put their knitting needles together for the mammoth effort, which took about five hours to unravel.

Sections of the scarf were then linked together and held up by about 700 protestors along roadsides or attached to trees.

The day marked the 69th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki in 1945 – the end of the Second World War.

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The project was the brainchild of Angie Zelter, of Powys, and Jaine Rose, of Gloucestershire. It was launched to oppose the British nuclear weapons security programme called Trident.

Trident is made up of warheads – explosive bombs, the missiles which carry them, and the submarines which carry the missiles.

The warheads are made by the AWE.

Ms Zelter, who is also co-

founder of campaign group Action AWE, said: "People have to act because the government won't disarm without people in their thousands taking to the streets."

The protests come ahead of the general elections next year which could determine the direction of the Trident programme.

Parliament is due to make a decision on its renewal in 2016.

People holding up the scarf observed two minutes' silence for the victims of nuclear weapons.

The knitters included people from across the UK, as well as Kenya, South Africa, France,

Germany, Austria, the Middle East, and South America.

Police officers from across Hampshire Constabulary, Thames Valley Police, and Ministry of Defence Police were on standby during the day.

Superintendent Robin Rickard, silver commander for the operation, said: "I am pleased that the demonstration passed off without any incidents."

"Disruption was kept to a minimum and we are grateful for the support we received from local communities."

AWE spokesperson, Val Hincks, said: "AWE recognises the democratic right of individu-

als to participate in lawful and peaceful protest activities and has been working closely with both Thames Valley Police and the Ministry of Defence Police to ensure the safety and security of the Aldermaston and Burghfield sites."



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• Carfest returns to Laverstock Farm from August 22 to 24. See overleaf.

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## Carfest is back with a bang



ALMOST 20,000 people are expected in north Hampshire later this month for a weekend of cars, music and entertainment as Carfest South returns to Laverstoke Farm.

The farm, located in between Whitchurch and Overton and owned by former Formula One world champion Jody Scheckter, has been hosting the annual event since 2012.

Carfest is the brainchild of radio presenter Chris Evans, combining his love of classic cars and motor racing with live music and family activities for the three-day extravaganza.

It comes after Carfest North was held at Oulton Park in Cheshire at the start of the month.

This year's Carfest South gets underway on August 22.

"Carfest North went really well," said Louisa Parry, show manager at Carfest.

"It was the busiest we've had it, packed all day every day with different stuff going on."

"And Carfest South is happening at Laverstoke Farm, and it's become very much kids and families doing things together, all done at the farm."

Cars from all forms of motorsport including Formula One, drag racing and rally will be on show and in action over the weekend.

Road cars will also be showcased,

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with vintage vehicles going alongside some more modern contemporaries.

And the Army will also have a presence, as they will show off a Challenger Two Tank, parade in the showground, and teach children mechanical skills over the course of the festival.

"Our showground, which we have every year, is packed full of new things," Louisa added.

"We've got the Lamb National there, which is a bit like the Grand National but with lambs."

"Our Big Top is where all the kids' activities are, with all sorts from ventriloquists to animal shows."

"This year we've also got different areas such as the book den, which is a lovely circus tent full of authors doing story talks and creative writing sessions."

"And we have our car clubs that come back every year, so a whole mixture really."

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• Thousands of people are expected at Laverstoke Farm for Carfest South from August 22 to 24

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## Months of amusement

THE Anvil's autumn programme has been announced, with a mixture of comedy, music and dance at the venue between September and Christmas.

Comedian Jon Richardson is the first act to appear at The Anvil after its summer break, bringing his Nidiot tour to Basingstoke on September 19.

Cockney music duo Chas and Dave make their return to the town on September 26, following the release of their first new album in 27 years 'That's What Happens'.

October starts with dance show Inala, with performers from the Royal Ballet celebrating 20 years of democracy in South Africa.

Dawn French makes her second appearance of the year at The Anvil on October 8, returning with her first solo tour '30 Million Minutes'.

An evening of 60s music for October 15, features Gerry and the Pacemakers, The Searchers, and P.J. Proby, among others.

Jimmy Carr makes the first of two visits to The Anvil on October 21 with his tour 'Funny Business', before

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returning on November 18.

QI and Jonathan Creek star Alan Davies makes a long awaited return to stand-up at The Anvil on October 23.

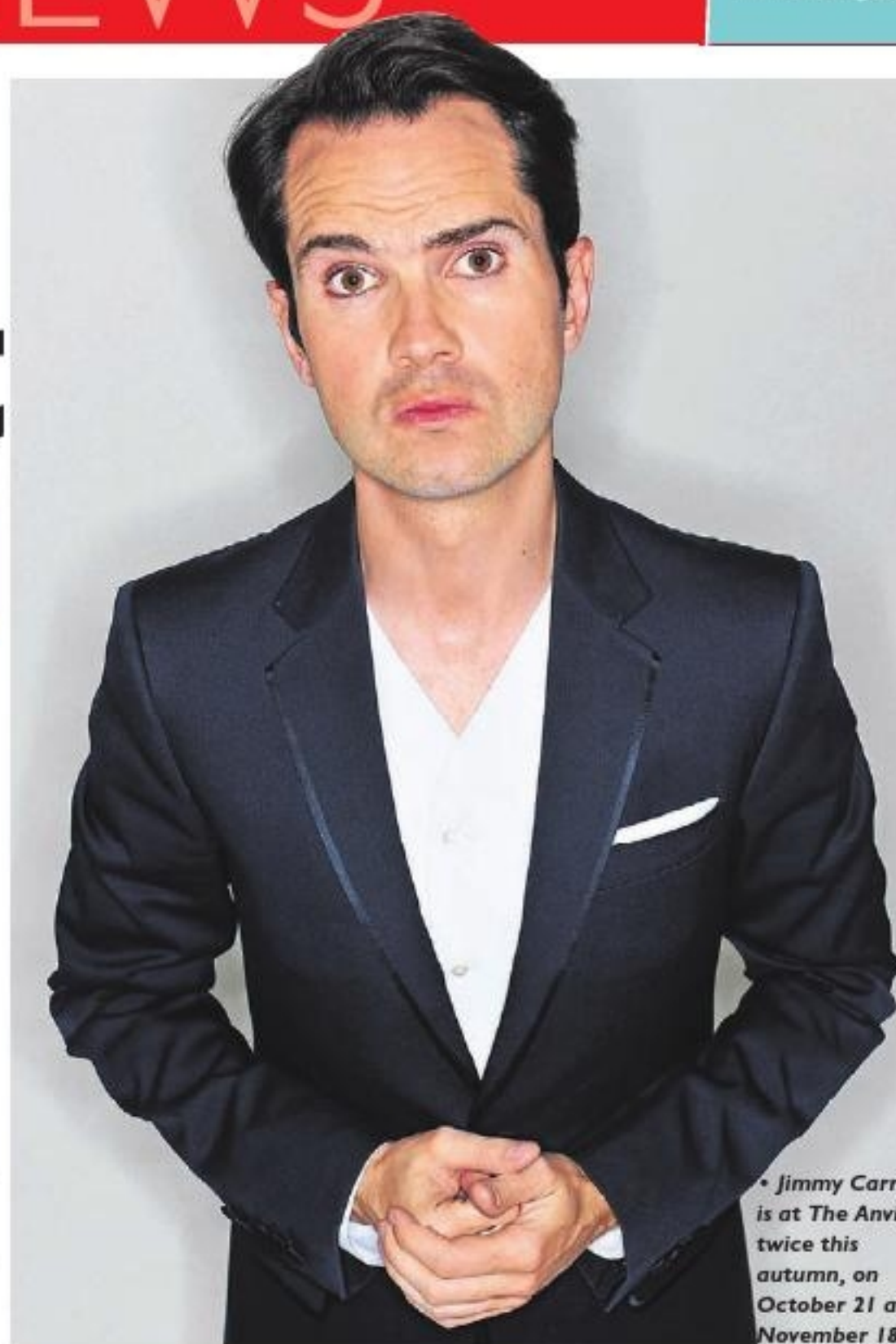
The Basingstoke Symphony Orchestra stage their latest performance on November 9, with pieces by Mozart, Coates and Goodwin.

Singer-songwriter Joan Armatrading embarks on her final major tour this autumn, which comes to The Anvil on November 13.

The Pub Landlord Al Murray is back in Basingstoke on November 19, with his tour 'One Man, One Guvnor' marking Al's 20 years in the business.

Great British Bake Off star Paul Hollywood demonstrates a number of recipes and the secrets of being a TV chef on November 30.

And December sees the start of Christmas pantomime Cinderella, running until January 4.



• Jimmy Carr is at The Anvil twice this autumn, on October 21 and November 18

### Upcoming shows:

September 19: Jon Richardson

September 20: Champions of Magic

September 26: Chas and Dave

September 28: Jim Davidson

October 1: Inala

October 2: Fascinating Aida

October 3: Killer Queen

October 4: Basingstoke Variety Show 2014

October 5: Madama Butterfly

October 8: Dawn French

October 9: Abba Party Night

October 10: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

October 11: Mnozill Brass

October 12: Ha Ha Hood

October 15: Sixties Gold

October 16: Kate Rusby

October 18: The Illegal Eagles

October 19: Dr Hook

October 21: Jimmy Carr

October 23: Alan Davies

October 24: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment

October 25: John Mayall's 80th Anniversary Tour

October 26: 10CC

October 29: RAF in Concert

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

	1	9			3	6		
		8	5				4	2
	6		1	7				5
9	7	6		8	4			
	2							3
			9	5		8	6	7
3				4	1		2	
4	8				9	5		
		1	2			7	8	

5	6		9		2		4	3
			6	4	7			
	7			5			2	
6								2
	1						9	
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	9			6				1
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2	8		1		9		3	6

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					2		9	4
		3				6		
6	7		5					
		7			1	3	5	
	6			3				2
					8		4	

## Two speed crossword

### Quick Clues Across

- 1 Starting again (8)
- 4 Knob (4)
- 8 Be plentiful (6)
- 10 Nape of the neck (6)
- 11 Molars (5)
- 12 Traded (5)
- 14 Suitable for agriculture (6)
- 17 Never at rest (9)
- 18 Carrying too much (9)
- 22 Hard (6)
- 23 Marked in a mysterious way (5)
- 24 Items (5)
- 26 Handwriting (6)
- 27 Resinous (6)
- 28 Stain (4)
- 29 Charges with a duty (8)

### Quick Clues Down

- 1 Peruse (4)
- 2 Beaches (6)
- 3 Cloak (6)
- 5 Digits (6)
- 6 Disagreed (8)
- 7 Dark yellow (5)
- 9 Discouraging (9)
- 10 Strong supporters (9)
- 13 Living (5)
- 15 Kind of poplar (5)
- 16 Comprises (8)
- 18 Carry to excess (6)
- 19 Explode (5)
- 20 Clearing cloth (6)
- 21 Relatives (6)
- 25 Shades (4)

### Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Dashed to make the connection (8)
- 4 The girl takes a follower to the festival (4)
- 8 Help needed for Long Island caught in a sandy ridge (6)
- 10 Drops the matches (6)
- 11 Speak out, instead of keeping nothing inside (5)
- 12 Make a bid - there's a little official hesitation (5)
- 14 Slightly distorted viewpoints for simply heavenly people (6)
- 17 With which to handle confidential information? (9)
- 18 Groups around a hundred and fifty are very small objects (9)
- 22 Everything in the wager makes for a pantomime (6)
- 23 Polish your brow, or back to the breaking of a law (5)
- 24 Be depressed under the surface (5)
- 26 Danger can be found outside the house (6)
- 27 We rake out the less healthy (6)
- 28 Film I left is disposed of (4)
- 29 Fed up, and doomed to hold a small number (8)

### Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Wounded right in the cabin (4)
- 2 Upset the bucket with a very loud noise - then dish the rice (6)
- 3 Number of the Spanish flat? (6)
- 5 Strips back a state of unwatchfulness (6)
- 6 Helped like my sister, Edwina? (8)
- 7 Exhausted on the southern slope (5)
- 9 Neglected, but obtained for ten surrounding (9)
- 10 The ragged fellow could exult after turning over acres (9)
- 13 Concluding the fishy part of the French upbringing? (5)
- 15 Bestows part of the swag I've sent (5)
- 16 Put a French sex symbol in boxes? An idea for vegetables (8)
- 18 One word for many (6)
- 19 Oppose the second-class ingredient in the dance (5)
- 20 Most depressed to see the direction of the sunset? (6)
- 21 The senior has a kind of smooth appearance (6)
- 25 Or went up in rising drunkenness, and subdued (4)

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## Scribble space

## This week's solutions

7	4	9	8	2	6	5	1	3
2	8	5	3	7	9	6	4	1
6	5	3	1	4	9	7	2	8
8	7	2	5	4	9	1	3	6
3	6	7	1	8	5	4	9	2
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9	7	6	3	8	4	2	5	1
2	6	4	1	7	8	3	9	5
7	3	8	5	9	6	1	4	2
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**Quick Crossword**  
Across: 1 Reunited 4 Sand 8 Abound 10 Scarf 11 Teeth 12 Deal 14 Arable 17 Sleepless 18 Overladen 22 Severe 23 Runic 24 Units 26 Script 27 Sack 28 Spot 29 Entrusts 25 Runic 24 Units 26 Script 27 Sack 28 Spot 29 Entrusts  
Down: 1 Read 2 Shores 3 Mantle 5 Thumbs 6 Differed 7 Ochre 9 Deterrent 10 Stalwarts 13 Alive 15 Aspen 16 Consts 18 Overdo 19 Erupt 20 Duster 21 Nieces 25 Dyes  
**Cryptic Crossword**  
Across: 1 Hyphenated 4 Gals 8 Relief 10 Spills 11 Voice 12 Offer 14 Angels 17 Fingertip 18 Particles 22 Bales 23 Rosin 24 Below 26 Garden 27 Weaker 28 Sold 29 Fattened  
Down: 1 Hurt 2 Plait 3 Eleven 5 Asleep 6 Assisted 7 Spent 9 Forgotten 10 Scarecrow 13 Final 15 Gives 16 Cabbages 18 Rural 19 Rebel 20 Lowest 21 Sicken 25 Trod

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## Skoda's special edition

TWO months ago we featured Skoda's plans to take the world by storm with its latest version of the Fabia.

Now the Czech Republic car manufacturer is at it again, and has unveiled its latest model to hit the market: the Citigo Monte Carlo.

Skoda announced it was expanding its Monte Carlo edition to include the Citigo as a result of successful sales.

The Citigo Monte Carlo is based on the mid-range SE trim, but boasts stand-out black detailing including larger 15-inch alloy wheels, front and rear spoilers, a rear mock diffuser, grille and door mirrors.

Inside the cabin some changes include a sports steering wheel and the Monte Carlo red and black upholstery.

Skoda's 'Portable Infotainment Device' is also being included as standard, and satellite navigation, trip and vehicle information, Bluetooth connectivity and a media player is on offer.

As with the existing Citigo Sport, the Monte Carlo comes with just one engine option - the cheaper 60-horsepower three-cylinder unit - which gives good fuel economy.

The five-speed manual transmission

REVIEW: Skoda Citigo Monte Carlo

By James Richings

is the only gearbox option.

While some Citigo models dip below the 100g/km threshold for free road tax, the Monte Carlo's larger wheels and lack of an engine stop-start system means that it falls into road tax band B - currently lining the Monte Carlo up for a £20 per year charge.

The Skoda Citigo was first introduced to the world in September 2011 at the Frankfurt Motor Show, as a rebadged version (along with the SEAT Mii) of the Volkswagen Up.

All three cars have slight modifications to the front and rear sides, because the vehicles were manufactured by the same company - Volkswagen.

Since its release three years ago, the Skoda Citigo has sold more than 80,000 units, while the Up! has sold 248,448 units in Europe alone.

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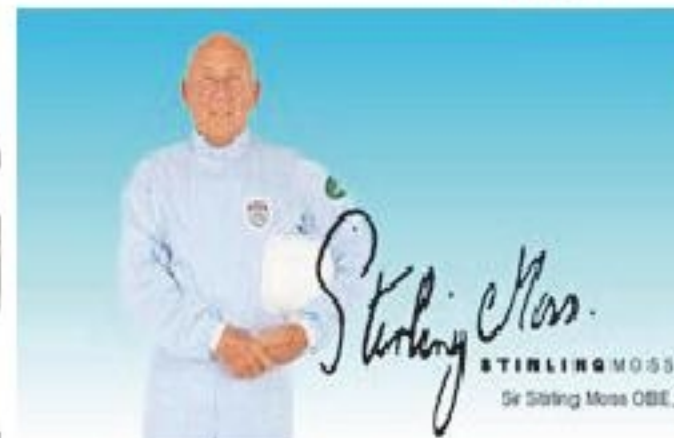
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But he was able to finish the weekend with consecutive rounds of 67, which elevated Rose up the leaderboard to join Welsh player Jamie Donaldson on finishing on eight under par.

It follows results of tied-23rd in the Open Championship, tied-12th in the US Open and tied-14th in the Masters earlier this year.

This year also marked the first time since 2007 that Rose made the cut for all four majors in a single season.

He will now be looking ahead to the Ryder Cup, which takes place at the Gleneagles course in Scotland from September 23 to 28.

A BASINGSTOKE teenager's dream of competing in the modern pentathlon at the Olympics is one step closer to reality, after being chosen to take part in the World Class Talent programme in Hungary later this month.

Bradley Sutton, 16, will be travelling to Hungary on August 24 for five days of training with their national team.

It comes ahead of the South East Pentathlon on September 6 and 7 in Horley, Surrey and Gillingham, Kent.

"I can't wait," said Bradley, a former pupil at Brighton Hill Community School.

"It's going to be an excellent experience and hopefully it will top everything up, get the skills up and try and improve me as much as I can ready for the South East Pentathlon.

"My aim is the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, but in the next couple of years I want to progress

By Adam Flinn

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through the World Class programme."

Modern pentathlon sees athletes compete in five disciplines - fencing, 200m freestyle swimming, show jumping, and a combined event of pistol shooting and a 3,200m cross-country run.

Bradley got involved in the sport after competing in the biathlon - a sub-sport of the modern pentathlon which involves running and swimming.

"From the biathlon I saw modern pentathlon as an Olympic sport and set a goal that I really wanted to do it," Bradley continued.

"I gradually picked up the shooting and the horse riding, and now I'm competing and starting to get all over the world, which is what I'm loving."

Bradley's dad Philip added: "He's been chasing his dream to get on the World Class programme for the last couple of years.

"He was introduced to it by his swimming coaches during his time at Basingstoke Bluefins, progressed through the competitions and then picked up the different disciplines.

"Weekend's are out of the window usually, but it's all worth it when you see him compete. That's the satisfaction the parents get out of it."



• Bradley Sutton in pentathlon action

## Sport Bites

### Basingstoke are back in business

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants Cricket Club returned to winning ways on Saturday, as they beat Hursley Park by four wickets.

Elsewhere, Hook and Newnham Basics lost to Bournemouth by 124 runs, while Hartley Wintney were beaten by Portsmouth by just four runs.

Hook and Basingstoke will face each other on Saturday, while Wintney travel to play Havant II.

### Wins for lower league teams

HARTLEY Wintney won their second match of the season on Saturday, with a 2-1 victory over Epsom and Ewell in the Combined Counties Premier league.

Whitchurch United continued their strong start to the season as they beat Totton and Eling 3-1 on Tuesday night, while Saturday saw Tadley Calvea thrash United Services Portsmouth 6-0.

All three are in FA Cup action at the weekend, as Wintney host Frimley Green, Whitchurch face Hallen at home and Calvea travel to Ascot United.

### Bison's fixture list announced

BASINGSTOKE Bison will welcome Peterborough Phantoms on the opening day of the new English Ice Hockey Premier League season on Saturday, September 13.

The Herd will also face Chelmsford Chieftains, Manchester Phoenix, Telford Tigers and Peterborough again in the opening month before ending their campaign away to Milton Keynes Lightning on Saturday, March 21.

Player-coach Doug Sheppard said: "When you look at the fixtures list every weekend looks tough, so it should be a very exciting season."

Bison finished second in the league last year.

## New kit deal brings £5,000 funding boost to 'Stoke RFC

BASINGSTOKE Rugby Club have announced a new kit sponsorship worth £5,000 with Redrow Homes ahead of the 2014-15 season.

The new deal covers the community element of the clubs senior rugby teams for the forthcoming London One South

campaign following their relegation from the National League 3 London and South East division last year.

Blues manager for the third, fourth and veterans side, Stewart Joyce, said: "Our three teams that make up the Blues squad are grateful to Redrow

for their generosity, which has enabled us to purchase new kits for the new season which starts in September.

"The squad structure is a great way of growing talent and helping players get the match experience they need to progress."

John Allan, managing director

for Camberley-based Redrow Homes, added: "At Redrow we get a kick out of supporting local sports clubs, so we were keen to team up with Basingstoke Rugby Club.

"We wish the Blues squad the best of luck for the season ahead."

Will Croker's first-team side visit East Grinstead on Saturday for a pre-season friendly at Saint Hill Road.

Basingstoke open their London One South season on Saturday, September 6, when they welcome Dover to Down Grange for their first fixture.

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## Bristow's squad cruise to 4-0 win after sensational first half display

# EASY WIN FOR TOWN AGAINST BATH CITY

**BASINGSTOKE** Town manager Jason Bristow says this Saturday's trip to title favourites Bromley will be a tough test for his side.

The Dragons travel to the London club this weekend following an impressive 4-0 win at Bath City on Tuesday night.

However, Bromley, tipped by many to contend for the title this season, will also be in high spirits after 3-1 and 4-1 wins over Havant & Waterlooville and Whitehawk so far this season.

"It is going to be a test for us, a very tough game," said Bristow.

"They are one of the pre-season favourites, they have started with two wins out of two and have scored seven goals.

"To go to their place and to try to get something is going to be a big ask, but the confidence the players should have from Tuesday should hopefully take us in to it and stand us in good stead.

**By Jack Johnson**

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"We know it is going to be a massive ask for us, but we're a good group of players and hopefully we can come back with some points."

An own goal from Andy Gallinagh and strikes from Manny Williams, Chris Flood and Liam Enver-Marum helped Town forget their 1-0 opening day defeat to Hemel Hempstead Town last Saturday.

Bristow made no changes to the side that lost at the weekend and after just 29 minutes Town were 4-0 up and out of sight.

"It was important we got back to performing well after a disappointing result and performance on Saturday," he said.

"It was a great start for us, we scored four goals inside half an hour, which really set the tone

for the game and it was a really professional performance.

"We defended really well as a team and it was a very professional performance.

"We've been in that situation before where teams have got back in to games and it was pleasing to see the way we performed and controlled the game."

Bristow was also pleased to see three different players on the scoresheet and believes there are more goals in his team this year, compared to last season.

"We've got a lot of players in the side that can score goals and on Tuesday we had three strikers on the pitch who all scored goals and another two or three on the bench who can make an impact.

"We knew this year we needed to score more than we did last season and I know it is only one game, but hopefully we have addressed that and we need to continue in this vein."



• Manny Williams (left) and Shaun McAuley (right) celebrate with Chris Flood after the latter scored Basingstoke's third against Bath City on Tuesday (Picture by Les Chase)

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